



I LOVE TO TELL THE STORIES

**GOD'S SIMPLE PATH FOR EVANGELISM
AND DISCIPLESHIP**

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That Reminds me of a Story!



What happened?

We have raised the largest un-churched generation in the history of our country

– Rev. Tim Wright (ELCA)

We used the “schooling” model

We depended upon curriculum companies to tell us how to teach.

2. Eisegesis VS Exegesis

**Eisegesis = ABOUT God, ABOUT the Bible
and ABOUT the faith.**

The Power of Biblical Text as Narrative

75% Is Narrative/story

20% is Poetry/Song

Only 10%. Is Theological text, but it is wrapped in a narrative

God gave us Story.

Easy to remember and easy to re-tell

What do we really remember?

- 10% of what we READ
- 20% of what we HEAR
- 30% of what we SEE
- 50% of what we SEE and HEAR
- 70% of what we SAY

What is Bible-telling?

- *It is not storytelling*
- It's a simple method of interacting with the Biblical text through:
 - *Telling and re-telling the narratives without embellishment*
 - *Using multi-dimensional experiences to help trigger memory*
 - *Asking Wonder questions of the text*
 - *Making connections with current events and life situations*
 - *Allowing God to speak through the Word*

Bibletelling as Methodology

- Read the Text in the Bible
- Read the story
- Outline the story by dividing it into key words or concepts to help trigger memory
- Draw a picture gram
- Retell the story to five people
- Reflect on what the story means to you
- Work through Wonder Questions

ACTITIVITIES TO HELP STUDENTS RETELL THIS STORY ARE:

- Flannel Graph re-tell
- Story Board – draw the 6 scenes
- Science project/experiment
- Write your own praise song
- BINGO
- Lego Building
- Jenga Blocks
- Free Bible Images pictures used as puzzles for showing while retelling.
- Eat your way through the story (storyboarding using food snacks)
- Act out the story (use costumes)
- Jump robe storytelling
- Bubbles and balloons
- Story picture cards - put in order, play concentration, mix and match, etc.
- Bible Quiz Game

A Few Suggested activities in detail

- Parting the Red Sea and Crossing the Jordan: plate with a lip, fill with clear water, sprinkle with pepper so the water is covered. Use a straw or stick (Moses' Rod) dipped in liquid soap. Place hand over the water, lift the Rod to let soap drip into middle of peppered water. Watch pepper split apart.
- Call of Abraham, and Jews wandering in Wilderness: Move chairs, or pillows and blankets, or anything to symbolize a "home". Then ask children to pack up and move to another location as different parts of the story are told.
- Feeding of the 5,000/4,000: Pita bread and tuna fish, etc. Break into pieces as you tell the story and try to see if you can make "more" than there is.
- Promise to Abraham: Get grains of sand for the children to count to give them idea of numbers of descendants promised.

Remember – activities DO NOT NEED TO always match the story for active Re-Telling. Sometimes just rolling dice, jump roping, skipping in place, or throwing a ball (whoever gets the ball tells the next part) are always acceptable.

We are wanting the story to be RE- Told not "ME-Told"

This is not new

Judges 2:6-10

Jesus used stories

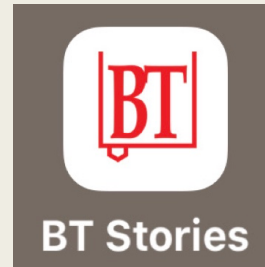
- It works with children, teens and adults
- Everyone loves a story
- Everyone NEEDS and is ABLE to:
 - *think about what they hear*
 - *re-tell a story in a variety of ways*
 - *wonder how this story fits the bigger biblical picture*
 - *Compare texts*
 - *Hear from God, by the Holy Spirit through the Word*

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Reflection Questions

- What does this story make you wonder about?
- *How do you think this story fits what you are experiencing?*
- What does this story tell you about the people in it?
- What does this story tell you about God?
- What other Bible stories do you think this one is like?
- Why do you think God put this story in the Bible?
- What happened before and after this story?
- What do you think God wants you to do now that you know this story?
- How might you use this story? –Who could you tell?

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